

## CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

## Urban Forestry



## Do You Like ...

... working with your hands?

... being adventurous?

... spending time outdoors?

... teamwork?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Urban Forestry** career training program.

## SKILLS

**Learn how to perform the essential tasks of an urban forester, including:**

- » Pruning and treating trees and shrubs using handsaws, hand and power pruners, and clippers.
- » Using climbing and rigging techniques to maintain trees and shrubs.
- » Operating heavy machinery, including boom trucks, loaders, stump and brush chippers, and power saws, as well as other tools.
- » Using truck-mounted lifts to maintain trees and shrubs in an urban environment.

## EXPECTATIONS &amp; REQUIREMENTS

**While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:**

- » Steady hands
- » Ability to quickly change and control movements
- » Attention to detail
- » Listening skills
- » Teamwork

**And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as an urban forester:**

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
- » Valid proof of training in aerial rescue
- » Valid proof of training in first aid and CPR
- » A passing grade on the International Society of Arboriculture's Certified Tree Worker exam

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Renewable Resources and Energy training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), and the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Urban Forestry graduates go to work as tree trimmers and pruners** in the public or private sector. Urban foresters spend most of the day on their feet, operating heavy machinery and climbing trees to perform standard maintenance. They are important community partners because of the work they do to keep roads clear and safe. Urban foresters are also important during bad weather situations, when experts are needed to help dispose of fallen trees and branches.



## SALARY

The average starting salary for most urban foresters is **\$33,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org).



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